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DMB recognized again for purchasing excellence

For the second consecutive year, the Michigan Department of Management and Budget's (DMB) Purchasing Operations earned the prestigious Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. Michigan remains the only Midwest state to receive this award.

The annual award from the National Purchasing Institute (NPI) is conferred on organizations that demonstrate high ethical standards, innovation and professionalism. The association gave DMB especially high marks for its policies and procedures related to ethical standards.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, states, "In 2003, my first Executive Order focused on ensuring state contracting is done in an open and honest fashion and that taxpayers receive the best price. This award validates my administration's effort to get taxpayers the most value for their dollar and get more Michigan businesses involved in doing business with the state."

"Receiving this distinguished honor – not once, but twice – is testimony to the outstanding reputation of Michigan's open, transparent, and competitive contracting practices," said DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe. "This special recognition of our ethical principles is a testimony to the Governor's continual commitment to hold state government to the highest standards and clean-up past purchasing practices. I would like to thank Sean Carlson, DMB Senior Deputy Director, for his strong leadership and his purchasing operations team for ensuring open and fair competition. "

The NPI also cited DMB's central purchasing manual that outlines policies and procedures for purchasing, including compulsory competitive bidding for state goods and services. The organization noted DMB's business outreach programs and training workshops, which have impacted more than 3,000 businesses since the beginning of this fiscal year.

The NPI is an association of government purchasing professionals that furthers cooperative relationships among members and develops efficient public purchasing methods and practices in governmental, educational and institutional procurement. DMB will receive the award at the annual conference of the National Association of State Procurement Officials Aug. 28-31 in Boise, Idaho.

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